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SPECIMEN GUIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

CULTURE & NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION TESTING (NAAT)

ORGANISM	TEST	SPECIMEN	SWAB/CONTAINER/KIT
Neisseria gonorrhoea	**Culture**	**Females** Endocervical, Low Vaginal or High Vaginal swab **Males** Urethral swab	**Females** Swab kit containing two swabs; slide and charcoal transport medium. Use one swab to prepare a smear for Gram stain and place the other swab in transport medium. **Males** Use same kit as for females but replace swabs with fine-wire urethral/ENT/pernasal swabs.
Chlamydia trachomatis **and/or** ***Neisseria gonorrhoea***	**NAAT** Polymerase Chain Reaction	**Females** First catch urine Cervical, Endocervical, Vaginal, Anorectal, or Oropharyngeal swab **Males** First catch urine Urethral, Anorectal or Oropharyngeal swab *First catch urine is required. Midstream urine is unsuitable.*	**Females** First catch urine in sterile container, dry swab, UTM® Copan swab, cobas® PCR Media, Sigma Transwab®, BD ProbeTec swab, Liquid & Gel-matrix Amies transport media swab, PreservCyt® Solution ThinPrep. **Males** First catch urine in sterile container, dry swab, UTM® Copan swab, cobas® PCR Media, Sigma Transwab®, BD ProbeTec swab, Liquid & Gel-matrix Amies transport media swab.
Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV-1 & HSV-2)	Polymerase Chain Reaction	**Females & Males** Suspected herpetic lesion (including prodrome and inflammation phases)	**Females & Males** Sterile plain dry swab, UTM® Copan swab, Sigma Transwab®, BD ProbeTec swab, Liquid and Gel-matrix Amies transport media swab.

Syphilis **(*Treponema pallidum*)**	Polymerase Chain Reaction	**Females & Males** Suspected lesion/ulcer	**Females & Males** Sterile plain dry swab and UTM® Copan swab.
Mycoplasma genitalium	Polymerase Chain Reaction	**Females** Urine Cervical, Endocervical, Vaginal, Anorectal, or Oropharyngeal swab **Males** Urine Urethral, Meatal, Anorectal or Oropharyngeal swab	**Females** Urine in sterile container, dry swab, UTM® Copan swab, cobas® PCR Media, Sigma Transwab®, BD ProbeTec swab, Liquid & Gel-matrix Amies transport media swab, PreservCyt® Solution ThinPrep. **Males** Urine in sterile container, dry swab, UTM® Copan swab, cobas® PCR Media, Sigma Transwab®, BD ProbeTec swab, Liquid & Gel-matrix Amies transport media swab.
Trichomonas vaginalis	Polymerase Chain Reaction	**Females** Urine Cervical, Endocervical, Vaginal, Anorectal, or Oropharyngeal swab **Males** Urine Urethral, Meatal, Anorectal or Oropharyngeal swab	**Females** Urine in sterile container, dry swab, UTM® Copan swab, cobas® PCR Media, Sigma Transwab®, BD ProbeTec swab, Liquid & Gel-matrix Amies transport media swab, PreservCyt® Solution ThinPrep. **Males** Urine in sterile container, dry swab, UTM® Copan swab, cobas® PCR Media, Sigma Transwab®, BD ProbeTec swab, Liquid & Gel-matrix Amies transport media swab.